



Kimmel Vineyards 2009 Merlot

POTTER VALLEY, MENDOCINO COUNTY

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Vintage:	2009	Brix:	25.6
Varietal:	100% Merlot	pH:	3.7
Appellation:	Mendocino County	Alc.:	14.5%
Harvest Date:	October 2, 2009	Winemaker:	Bruce Regalia
Bottle Date:	August 24, 2011	Cases Produced:	307

"The 2009 Merlot is a dark crimson purple wine with aromas of African violets, cedar, black cherry, and pepper. Intense aromas are then followed with flavors of cherry, juicy plum, clove and chocolate. This Merlot is medium bodied and smooth with a velvety texture and soft tannins. Ready to drink now."

A little less than five tons of Merlot were hand picked from our Hillside Vineyard at the beginning of October 2009. The fruit was sorted, destemmed without crushing then berry sorted before going to the fermenter. The must was cold-soaked then inoculated and pressed at dryness. The wine was placed in a combination of new and used French oak barrels for 21 months.

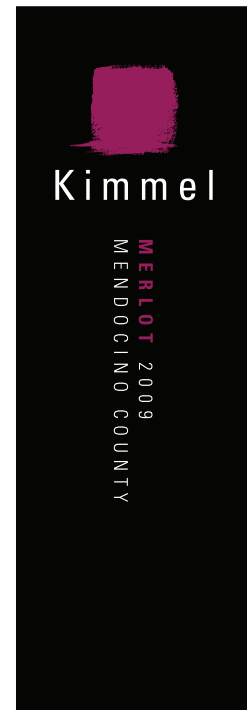
A Passion for Viticulture and Premium Wine Terroir

Spanning four generations, Kimmel Vineyards has been a dream for our family since planting our first grapes in 1986. The ranch produces over 40 acres of premium winegrapes, and we save the cream of every crop for our own label. Located against the west foothills of Potter Valley in Mendocino County, our vineyards are planted at an elevation of 1,000 ft. The combination of excellent soils, cool afternoon breezes and hands-on canopy management produces consistently high quality grapes.

A Winemaker Passionate About His Art

Renowned winemaker Bruce Regalia has produced over 26 vintages and was the founding winemaker at Goldeneye in 1996 with Dan Duckhorn.

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